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SUBJ: MATANZIMA SET TO STRENGTHEN POWER BASE IN TRANSKEI'S
THIRD GENERAL ELECTION

1. WITH TRANSKEI'S THIRD GENERAL ELECTION SET FOR OCT 24, PARAMOUNT CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA'S TRANSKEI NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY (TNIP) IS ASSURED POSSIBLY LARGEST ELECTORAL MAJORITY SINCE HOMELANDS CREATION IN 1963. TNIP FIGHTING 44 OF 45 ELECTED SEATS IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WHILE KNOWLEDGE GUZANA'S FADING OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) CONTESTING ONLY 27. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN OFFICER, FELIX NIKSH, WHITE SECRETARY TRANSKEI MINISTRY INTERIOR AND IN CHARGE ELECTORAL MACHINERY, ESTIMATED 50-60 PERCENT OF 952,000 ELGIBLE XHOSA VOTERS IN HOMELAND AND WHITE URBAN AREAS WILL TO TO POLLS.

2. IN WHAT APPEARS RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS ADAMANT LAND DEMANDS, MATANZIMA HAS, DURING CAMPAIGN, PROMISED TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE WITHIN 5 YEARS WITH OR WITHOUT INCLUSION PORT ST JOHNS AND OTHER DISPUTED WHITE AREAS. MATANZIMA STRESSED THAT IF DISPUTED AREAS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSOLIDATED TRANSKEI HE WOULD HOLD REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE IF HOMELAND WOULD ACCEPT INDEPENDENCE ON BASIS CURRENT DELINEATION WITHOUT RESOLUTION
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PREVIOUSLY "NON-NEGOTIABLE" LAND CLAIMS.

3. MATANZIMA ALSO DEMANDED THAT ALL WHITES IN DEPT EDUCATION AND 50 PERCENT THOSE IN INTERIOR AND JUSTICE BE REMOVED TO SPEED "AFRICANIZATION". IF 10 YEAR GUARDIANSHIP BY PRETORIA'S WHITE CIVIL SERVANTS HAD NOT TRAINED XHOSAS FOR JOBS THEN "WE WILL MARCH INTO THESE POSITIONS AND LEARN BY OUR MISTAKES," HE DECLARED.

4. DP NOW HOLDS ONLY 17 ASSEMBLY SEATS. ALTHOUGH GUZANA CONSIDERED ASSEMBLY'S ABLEST SINGLE SPEAKER, HIS ABSENCE FROM AREA FOR LAST WEEK AND DP'S LACKLUSTER APPROACH IN FACE STEADILY INCREASING TNIP STRENGTH COULD REDUCE PARTY'S SEATS TO 10. OBSERVERS IN UMTATA SUSPECT HE MAY EVEN LOSE HIS OWN SEAT.

5. COMMENT: ON BASIS SOUNDINGS IN TRANSKEI BY CONGEN OFFICER, IT APPEARS SWEEPING TNIP VICTORY IS ASSURED. IF SMALL DP IN FACT LOSES MORE SEATS, OPPOSITION TO MATANZIMA'S POLICIES WITHIN TRANSKEI WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY ACADEMIC. MOST VOTERS BACK THE STRONG MAN, AN IMAGE GUZANA DOES NOT ACHIEVE.

6. MATANZIMA'S REFERENDUM PLEDGE MAY REFLECT HIS FRUSTRATION OVER LAND DEMANDS ON WHICH SAG HAS BEEN INTRANSIGENT. OR IT MIGHT LEND CREDENCE TO RUMORS THAT CHIEF MINISTER AND SAG HAVE REACHED SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE ON LAND ISSUE. THIS MIGHT PARTIALLY EXPLAIN SOMEWHAT LESS HOSTILE MATANZIMA/SAG CLIMATE DURING LAST WEEKS. MATANZIMA MAY DECIDE TAKE WHAT HE CAN GET IN HOPES LEADING AN EVENTUAL FEDERATION OF AFRICAN HOMELANDS FROM PLATFORM OF SECOND LARGEST AND MOST CONSOLIDATED HOMELAND. HOLMES

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